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Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsy Events That Occurred in our Midst that Cannot Fail to Interest.

The industry of artificial rain making has received a set-back and we may never know whether it would have been a success or not.

The rain which has fallen in Los Angeles county will do good, but more will do more good. Let us be thankful for small favors and hope for larger ones.

"The Lord helps those who help themselves." The truth of this statement will be proven by fruit growers and ranchmen who bore into the earth for water instead of standing still and looking up to the heavens for it.

A deputy constable in Los Angeles has had a woman arrested on a charge of battering the constabular frame with a horsewhip. We move that the woman be made a constable and the man retired to domestic life.

While Surgeon-General Van Ruypen is in Southern California, perhaps he will observe how admirably this section is suited for a federal hospital, to which wounded or sick seamen or soldiers might be sent to convalesce.

Sacramento—J. W. Holmes, a saloon keeper, who was recently convicted of having drugged and robbed one of his customers of \$40 and a watch, was sentenced by Judge Johnson to serve a term of ten years in the penitentiary at San Quentin.

With thirty barbecued beaves, 7000 loaves of bread and other comestibles in proportion, to masticate, those who attend the celebration at San Pedro ought not to return home complaining about having nothing between their wishbones and their spinal columns.

The Colton Chronicle finds fault with Evangelist Moody because he stopped at a \$7 hotel in Pasadena. If Mr. Moody ever labors in Colton he shall be quartered on Editor McKie and made to understand that salvation is not the only thing that's free.

A Mexican living near Warner's ranch, in San Diego county, has shot six mountain lions and lassoed two others. When Rudyard Kipling has sufficiently recovered he should come to Southern California. He would find material in San Diego county for more good jungle stories.

The coming of the rain ought not to divert attention from the importance of prudence in the use of water or the advisability of enlarging and improving the sources of supply. Nobody knows but that the Japan stream may wobble from its proper course in the future, as well as it is supposed to have done during the past year.

A farmer near Fullerton has adopted the most novel method yet devised for securing moisture for his crops. He goes out early in the morning when the grain is wet with dew, and with a fishpole whips the tops so that the dewdrops fall about the roots of the grain. The size of his ranch is not reported.—Los Angeles Times.

Hemet is another Southern California town that is humping itself nowadays, and cash is accumulating so fast there that it has been found necessary to have a bank to keep it in. Accordingly, a corporation for that purpose has been organized, with capital stock amounting to \$100,000, and the bank will be in operation within a month.—Los Angeles Record.

Paul de Longpre of New York, called the greatest painter of flowers in the United States, has written to Captain Gray of Alhambra, asking the captain to secure for him in Los Angeles or Pasadena a house "surrounded by flowers." Apparently Mr. Longpre is not aware that it would be more difficult to find a house without flowers around it than one with them in Southern California.

Oxnard seems to be growing to beat the band. Apparently houses can't be built fast enough to accommodate the population, and they are being hauled there from neighboring towns. Just now ten buildings, mostly for residences, but including one public hall, are, according to the Oxnard Courier, en route there from Saticoy. Evidently Oxnard has what the oarsmen call the "git-thar stroke."

One of these days there will be a gold discovery in Orange county that will astonish the natives and set them to kicking themselves for not having done a little prospecting at home while reading about big strikes in frigid Alaska. Mexicans, it is said, are bringing dust and nuggets to Santa Ana every week in amounts of from \$100 to \$200, all obtained by the most crude methods. And yet the

Americans have not found where it comes from.

Rev. R. B. Taylor of San Bernardino will be able hereafter to sympathize with the unfortunate whom he visits in jail. He called at the jail in that city a few days ago, wishing to remain but about ten minutes, and telling the jailor so when he entered. He was admitted to the cells, and the door was locked, as usual. The jailer forgot all about him, went away and was gone two hours, imposing on the preacher a very unpleasant realization of what jail life really is.

At last the agents of the postoffice department have found a place in Southern California where they think free delivery in a rural district is feasible. Word comes from Santa Barbara that a map is being made of the Montecito Valley, and that this will be forwarded to Washington with a recommendation that the service begin on the first of April. The department has taken plenty of time to select a place to begin, and it is to be hoped that the service will be a success.

City Engineer Capps of San Diego has invented a rapid-fire gun which he thinks superior to Maxim or Gatling. It weighs but fifty pounds and can therefore be easily transported from place to place. When in use it rests on a tripod and can be sighted like an ordinary rifle. He says he can mow down a regiment with it. Minute men and horse marines will be useless cumberers of the earth at San Diego the next time pirates are sighted off Point Loma. Evidently Capps caps the climax.

The Nordhoff Ojai says: "There are women who have noses like ant-caters, voices like cat-fights, faces which are rank poison to the naked eye, feet like pancakes, chests like ironing boards and necks as long and stringy as poor land potatoes, who go around the country lecturing on dress reform and wearing clothes that would make freight trains leave the track." It is expected that the local Federation of Women Clubs has adopted a rule that Colonel Freeman must wear a "stove-pipe" hat in July, August and September.

A NULL MARRIAGE—Miss Anna Burns, a factory girl, left Winsted, Conn., for Los Angeles to marry a man whom she has never seen, and Mrs. Ida Newbro, who left Los Angeles nearly three years ago for Winsted and married a stranger, Irving Dean, went to Los Angeles on the same train, a divorced woman. Miss Burns saw an advertisement saying that Walter Null of Los Angeles wanted a wife. Photographs were exchanged and soon after he proposed marriage. She accepted, provided that Null would send railroad fare. He did so and Miss Burns left at once.

MORE RECRUITING OFFICES—First Lieutenant O. E. Hunt, Eighteenth Infantry, who has been conducting a recruiting office in the Bullard block in Los Angeles for some time past, has received a telegram from Department Commander W. R. Shafter at San Francisco, requesting him to communicate with headquarters for instructions in the matter of establishing recruiting offices for all branches of military service in all the important towns of Southern California. At present there are only two regular recruiting offices in California, one in Los Angeles and the other in San Francisco.

Santa Barbara county has been operating a "paternal government" with great liberality. The army of paupers supported by this county having reached such proportions that it was rapidly approaching the number of self-supporting, Dr. Belle Reynolds was appointed a committee to investigate the indigent list. She found that a large part of those on the list had means of providing for themselves, but had found it easier to "work" the board of supervisors than work for their living, some of them even considering it an honor to be on the county payroll. A total of \$3000 in cash and a large supply bill have been saved as a result of the investigation.

PRESIDENT INVITED. Many Prominent People Asked to Attend the Jubilee. Griffith J. Griffith, as chairman of the Committee of Invitations, has sent invitations to President McKinley, Governors of a number of neighboring states and territories, and a long list of important personages to be present and participate in the festivities of the Free Harbor Jubilee. The invitations are accompanied by a statement of the importance of the event, and a copy of the program is enclosed.

RICH STRIKE IN ALASKA.

SEATTLE, Wash.—News has been received here of a rich strike in the Sea Level mine near Ketchikan, in Southeastern Alaska. A vein of \$40 ore has been uncovered with streaks that run as high as \$60 to the ton. Some selected spot specimens received here will average from \$20,000 to \$60,000 to the ton. The Sea Level mine is principally owned by San Francisco parties.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

The sophomore class at the State University gave a minstrel show. This proves that baseball and football are not all that can be learned at our great educational institutions.

There are just four cases of smallpox in Mariposa county, Ariz., of which Phoenix is the county seat, and no more, according to the Phoenix Gazette, but judging from the size of the scare one would suppose there were forty at the least.

Oregon Coal Fields—Thirty thousand acres of coal land, about thirty miles from Seattle, are to be exploited on a grand scale by the Seattle and San Francisco Railroad and Navigation company, which will build a road from the mines to the coast at an early date.

The Otay Press hit certain prominent members of the legislature a hard blow when it said: "It is reported that a boy was recently born in South Dakota with two tongues and no brains. If he had been born in California 21 years ago he would now probably have been a popular and useful member of the state legislature."

San Francisco—Julius Kruttschnitt, general manager and fourth vice-president of the Southern Pacific, has issued orders to have all the apostrophes and plural s's dropped from the stations of the Pacific system that are named after individuals. This is to be done for the sake of uniformity, brevity and the preservation of the name originally intended.

Prominent Maccabee Dead—Deputy Supreme Commander of the Maccabees, W. J. C. Henry, died at the Olympic hotel, Tacoma, of kidney trouble, after a long illness. Six months ago he went north from Pasadena, where he had been engaged in fraternal work for several years. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias and Redmen, and the second higher officer in the Maccabee order.

The papers have recently noticed that an excursion launch was built at Terminal Island, by a company in which J. C. Elliott was the prime mover, the launch being named after him. A few days ago circulars of invitation were sent out to the christening of the launch, which takes place in San Pedro harbor. It happens that J. M. Elliott, the well-known banker, is a property owner at Terminal Island. He has been kept busy during the past few weeks explaining that he is not the Elliott who is going into the ocean transportation business.

The lessons of patriotism emanating from the example of the Rough Riders evidently has not been lost on the rising generation in Arizona. Some boys 10 and 12 years old, at Bisbee, recently, seeing a forest fire approaching a flag pole from which the Stars and Stripes were floating on a nearby mountain top, started at once to rescue the flag. When they approached the fire was burning around the pole. The rope had caught fire when they hauled Old Glory down, and one corner of the flag itself was scorched, but they secured the flag and escaped with it through the burning brush. It is safe to say those boys will be Rough Riders in the next war.

MURDERED HER CHILD.

Mrs. Minnie Adams Accused of an Awful Crime.

San Francisco—Mrs. Minnie Adams has been arrested at her father's home 117 Parker avenue, on suspicion of having murdered her two-year-old illegitimate child, John Richard Gray, by administering a dose of carbolic acid. A quarrel with the father of the child, which resulted in the separation of the couple, added to the fact that there were too many mouths to be fed, is believed to be the motive for the revolting crime. The father of the child, Wilson Gray, is the accuser of the woman, and had he not reported the matter to the police, it is probable the death would have passed as an accident.

Until two months ago, Gray had been living with Mrs. Adams and the child was their son. He received a note saying his boy was dead and with an officer went to the Adams house, where he found the body. Mrs. Adams said the child had drunk from a bottle of carbolic acid, which had contained only about two teaspoonfuls. It was discovered, however, that a large

quantity of the deadly acid had been spilled on the floor of an outhouse and this fact, coupled with other suspicious circumstances and threats to kill the boy, alleged to have been made by Mrs. Adams, led to her arrest.

PENSIONS FOR CALIFORNIANS.

Pensions were granted to Californians as follows: Original—Isaac R. McIntosh, San Francisco, \$8. Increase, Patrick Jones, Los Angeles, \$8 to \$12. Reissue, special, March 6, (special act.) Thaddeus M. Joy, San Francisco, \$30. Reissue and increase, Joseph A. Moore, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, \$6 to \$8. Original widows, etc.—Reissue, Susan P. Cooper, Oakland, \$8. Original, Adam B. Simmons, San Bernardino, \$10; John C. Wells, San Francisco, \$8. Increase—John Lesson, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, \$8 to \$12; Sidney E. Harris, National City, \$20 to \$50; Patrick F. Nolan, Represa, \$6 to \$8. Original Widows, etc., Elizabeth Henry, Los Angeles, \$8; Frances E. Cressey, San Francisco, \$8. Increased—George H. Andrews, San Diego, \$17 to \$24; Joseph E. Weed, Riverside, \$6 to \$8. Restoration and Additional—Wm. G. Young, dead, Kelseyville, \$4 to \$6. Increase—Samuel B. Kyle, San Bernardino, \$8 to \$10; Alexander Penrod, Los Angeles, \$12 to \$17. A pension was granted today to Theodore Van Alstine of Tucson, Ariz., a widow of a soldier of the Mexican war.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Baron Von Morenheim was formerly the Russian ambassador at Paris. He was relieved from his position December, 1897, and was succeeded by Prince Ourassoff, who was previously Russian minister at Brussels.

Madrid—The Spanish government has concluded a loan of thirty million pesetas with the banking house of Urquijo. The money has been handed over and will be devoted to paying the arrears due the Spanish troops who have served in Cuba.

The Esperanza mine at El Oro, Mex., one of the famous mines of that country, was bonded to an English syndicate, which puts up \$100,000 for freight money. The price of the mine is fixed at \$3,000,000 in gold, and the option expires on April 25.

London—The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the disarmament conference, which will meet at The Hague on May 18, will be composed of three sections, dealing respectively with disarmament, arbitrators and "other matters."

Paris—Th. Euclaire confirms the report that the government inquiry regarding the explosion of the naval powder magazine at La Goubran has shown that it was not of accidental origin, and much credence is now given to the rumor that it was an anarchist outrage.

London—A special dispatch from Madrid says Premier Silveira, in an interview just published, spoke in favor of the intervention of France for the purpose of obtaining permission from the United States for Spain to resume direct negotiations for the release of the Spanish prisoners held by the Philippine rebels.

The Canadian government officials have seized the Beaver line steamship Lake Ontario, now under charter by the Atlantic Steamship company, upon the claim that the steamer was landing dry goods belonging to a Denver, Colo., woman, on which the duty had not been paid. The agents of the vessel were required to give bonds, and the ship was released.

London—The Evening News publishes a sensational Dreyfus story. It declares that the former Russian ambassador, Count Von Mohrenheim, is the real culprit who sold both Russian and French secrets to the German government, adding that the Russian government itself is convinced of his guilt, and that it is only to avoid a public scandal greater than the Dreyfus affair that he is unpunished, further than the intimation that he is not to show his face within the Czar's domains.

DESIGNS ON THE ADMIRAL.

Washington People Trying to Get Him to Their Festival.

Washington—Admiral Dewey will be in Washington on May 29 if the plans of a committee of prominent citizens do not fail. An imposing delegation will wait on the Secretary of the Navy and ask him to authorize the Admiral to accept an invitation from the city of Washington during the festival to be held here during the latter part of May.

Secretary Long will refer the request to the President at Thomasville, and if he gives it his approval, Admiral Dewey will, no doubt, accept and be here in time.

"Love me little, love me long;" That suits you and me You are four feet one inch tall—I am six feet three.

MINES AND MINING.

The mines at Virginia Dale, San Bernardino county, Cal., owned by Ingersoll & Esler of San Bernardino, are turning out over \$100 per day.

The Good Hope mine at Perris, which has fallen into disrepute on account of having figured in a swindling deal, is reported to be turning out over \$2000 each month over its running expenses.

A five stamp mill is being built at the Old Escondido mines, near Escondido, San Diego county, Cal., replacing the Griffin rotary mill formerly there. The Escondido mine has been worked off and on for many years.

Pasadena Star: Governor Markham, at his desert mines, reports fine progress and the rich character of a large body of ore some time ago developed. Profits were ready for a dividend some weeks ago, but the stockholders preferred to devote them to an extension of the plant. Their payment will begin soon.

The values of some of the rarer minerals used as gems are so enormous that the idea of counting them by the tons would seem very absurd, yet the production of diamonds in South Africa last year amounted to more than a ton weight, or, to be exact, 3,596,036 carats, valued at about \$21,300,000. In other words, 2497 pounds Troy, valued at \$8530 per pound, or more than \$17,000,000 per net ton. Yet even these are less than those for some rubies of fine quality, which are, however, not found by the ton, as diamonds are. Among the so-called rare minerals which are almost unknown to prospectors, but which are attaining considerable importance, are those containing the earth's zirconia, thorium, glucina and several other substances that are now in good demand.

FROM MOJAVE.

The Los Angeles Mining Review in its last issue publishes an interesting budget of news from its Mojave correspondent. The mines about Mojave are heard from very frequently considering the amount of work which is being done in the district and the richness of the mines. According to the Mining Review Hawley Medlin, superintendent of E. F. Baker's mine, is working an 18-inch vein that is said to run \$400 per ton.

L. H. Green, Jr., has lately shipped eighty tons of ore from Echo the mine which is now turning out \$40 rock from a four-foot ledge.

Joe Fink is taking good ore from the Little Eva, owned by him and William Meadows of Los Angeles.

Washburn, Thompson & Shepherd are doing some splendid tunnel work on the Black Venus, opening up a fine ore body.

Dolby, Clow & Cordes are opening their Tip Top claim, the highest in the district, and it shows a good ledge.

W. McHenry and Bert Fisher have done considerable work on the Starlight claim (formerly Flora), and are also working a tunnel on the Hidden Treasure under a lease.

Jack Ashton and Mr. Mills are running a 100-foot tunnel into the Mammoth No. 2.

McFarlane & Co. are working the Culver, Golli Blossom and May claims.

An eastern man visited the camp during the first part of February and made a cash offer of \$40,000 for the Karma mine, and \$10,000 for the Black Venus claim, which forms the southern extension of the Karma. Contingent on the acceptance of this offer he would have paid \$20,000 for the Double Standard group of seven claims lying adjacent to the Karma. The Karma company, represented by Thos. Dorand, superintendent; Thos. Hussey, secretary and treasurer, and Gus Garner, foreman of the ore work, refused the offer for the Karma, and as the man could not get that he did not feel like taking the others. The offer, however, goes to show the favorable estimate put upon the property by an outside capitalist.

BLACK SAND.

An assay of some black sand, taken from the Kotalingqua river, Alaska, was lately made by Dr. Willis E. Everett of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. The results may be termed marvelous. They showed, as reported, that one ton of it contains \$776 worth of platinum, besides iron oxide, gold worth \$102.84, two pounds of tin, two pounds of copper and one troy ounce of iridosmine. The great value is said to be in its yield of platinum, which is extensively used in electrical construction and dentistry. Platinum is found only in the Ural mountains, Russia, from which it is exported to this and other countries.

ANOTHER STRIKE IN ARIZONA.

The Arizona Republican reports another strike, this time on the property once known as the San Miguel mine. The mine is located about twelve miles west of Wickenburg, and is now known as the Oro mine. It was formerly worked by Mexicans, who milled the ore with an arrastra. The strike was made on the 100-foot level, and carries \$30 gold per ton.